

1 1. A television program selection system, comprising:
2 a grid of television programs slotted for a particular time
3 and channel, said grid containing key frame images of each
4 program; and means to select the slotted program to reveal
5 a sequential showing of said key frame images.

1 2. The television program selection system in
2 accordance with claim 1, wherein said key frame images are
3 invoked in a sequence following the story line or progress
4 of the program.

1 3. The television program selection system in
2 accordance with claim 1, wherein one of said key frame
3 images is highlighted.

1 4. The television program selection system in
2 accordance with claim 1, wherein said key frame images
3 comprise at least one sound byte.

1 5. The television program selection system in
2 accordance with claim 1, wherein said key frame images
3 comprise a textual message.

1 6. The television program selection system in

2 accordance with claim 3, wherein said highlighted key frame
3 image is most indicative of the theme of the program.

1 7. The television program selection system in
2 accordance with claim 3, wherein said highlighted key frame
3 image comprises a single color.

1 8. The television program selection system in
2 accordance with claim 3, wherein said highlighted key frame
3 image comprises a bright border.

1 9. The television program selection system in
2 accordance with claim 3, wherein said highlighted key frame
3 image comprises a sound bite.

1 10. A method of selecting a preferred television
2 program from a plurality of television programs, comprising
3 the steps of:

4 a) choosing a specific program from a display of
5 textually described programs; and

6 b) displaying said specific program as a
7 sequence of key frame images.

1 11. The method of selecting a preferred television
2 program in accordance with claim 10, wherein said display
3 of key frame images in accordance with step (b)
4 sequentially follows the story line or progress of said
5 specific program and at least one of said key frame images
6 is highlighted.

1 12. The television program selection method in
2 accordance with claim 10, wherein said key frame images
3 comprise at least one sound bite.

1 13. The television program selection method in
2 accordance with claim 10, wherein said key frame images
3 comprise a textual message.

1 14. The television program selection method in
2 accordance with claim 11, wherein said at least one
3 highlighted key frame image is most indicative of the theme
4 of the program.

1 15. The television program selection method in
2 accordance with claim 11, wherein said at least one
3 highlighted key frame image comprises a single color.

1 16. The television program selection method in
2 accordance with claim 11, wherein said at least one
3 highlighted key frame image comprises a bright border.

1 17. The television program selection method in
2 accordance with claim 11, wherein said at least one
3 highlighted key frame image comprises a sound bite.

1 18. A television program selection system, comprising
2 a grid of television programs slotted for a particular time
3 and channel, said grid displaying key frame images of each
4 television program selected by a television viewer.

1 19. The television program selection system in
2 accordance with claim 18, wherein each selected television
3 program comprises a sound bite.

1 20. The television program selection system in
2 accordance with claim 18, wherein said grid displays a
3 sequence of key frame images for each program and further
4 wherein said sequence follows the progress of that
5 particular program.